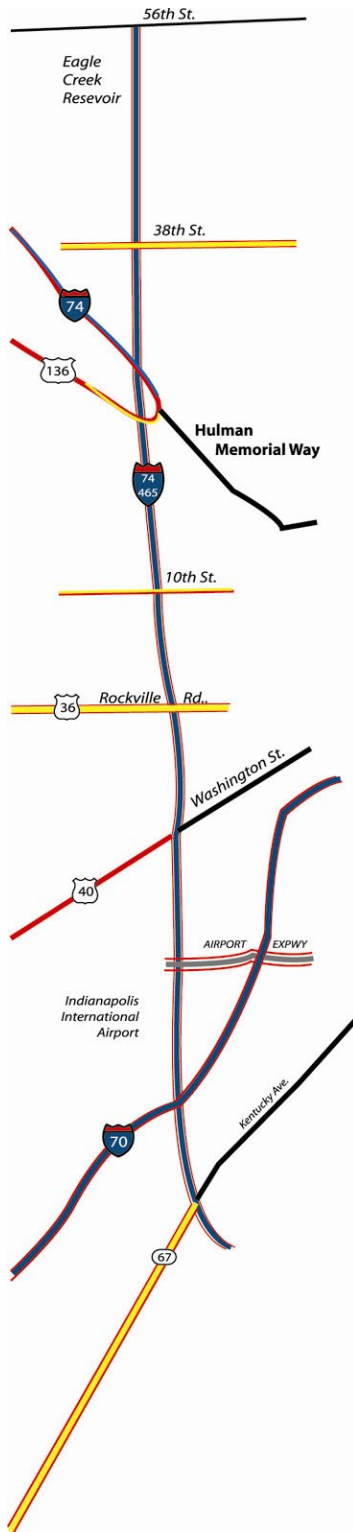


1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



This Additional Information (AI) document presents environmental impacts realized as a result of design changes to the *Accelerate 465* Project. The *Accelerate 465* project corridor is approximately 11 miles long, and the full reconstruction extends from north of SR 67/Kentucky Avenue to 56th Street on the west side of the City of Indianapolis in Marion County, Indiana.

The original Environmental Assessment (EA), prepared by The Corradino Group, documented the impacts associated with the original design of the project. This document can be found on the project's website, or obtained from INDOT's Office of Engineering, Planning and Environment. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was issued on June 27, 2003.

Relocation impacts and right-of-way impacts have both increased over what was documented in the original EA, as a result of the design process. There now will be a total of 50 single family residential relocations, 11 business relocations, and 118 tenant-occupied displacees required for this project. The acquisition of approximately 120 acres of right-of-way is anticipated for this project; 86.3 acres of right-of-way were anticipated in the EA.

Several regulated wetlands have been avoided by measures taken during the design of the project. Wetlands that will be impacted will be permitted and mitigated. Archaeological and historic resource impacts were evaluated for this document. The additional right-of-way required an expanded Area of Potential Effects (APE) to be developed. However, no archaeological resources or historic properties have been identified in the expanded APE.

Nineteen noise barriers were analyzed along the I-465 corridor. Noise levels behind all 19 barriers would be reduced a minimum of 5 dBA. Based on INDOT's reasonableness criteria, only 18 of the 19 locations analyzed were both feasible and reasonable. Final decision on the location of the noise barriers will be made following completion of the public involvement process, property acquisition process and final design. These noise barriers will be a dominant visual feature adjacent to the road. Context Sensitive Solutions guidelines developed with community stakeholders for the *Accelerate 465* Project will be followed to enhance the aesthetic appeal of the noise barriers.

Based upon the PM_{2.5} qualitative hot-spot analysis prepared for the *Accelerate 465* project it has been determined that the I-465 (West Leg) Added Travel Lanes and Interchange Modifications project meets all the project level conformity requirements, and that the project will not cause or contribute to a new violation of the 24-hour or Annual PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS), or increase the frequency or severity of a violation. Therefore, the project meets the conformity hot-spot requirements in 40 CFR §93.116 and §93.123 for PM_{2.5}.

